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OVITT ACCEPTS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO) AWARD FOR PLACING "ONLINE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS" ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE

On July 13, 2008, Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Gary Ovitt accepted a 2008 NACO award for the County's online Access to Financial Disclosure Documents (Form 700).

"On April 24, 2007, San Bernardino County became the first and only county in California to make their financial disclosure filings available to the public via the internet," said Ovitt.

Over 1,000 elected and appointed officials are required filers of the Form 700 financial disclosure document.

"Within the first two weeks the website received 12,000 visits. To date, over 1 million page views have been received," said Ovitt. "The website has been a huge success. The primary goal of improved public service has been met."

Since the launch of the website on April 24, 2007 the Clerk's office has realized a 100% reduction in requests from the public to view or copy Form 700 documents because people who once needed to visit the Clerk's office to view this information can now view it on the Internet.